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SHOPPERS IN SCAM ALERT

Cops release CCTV footage to highlight the worrying crime and put you in picture

SENIOR police officers have released CCTV footage of a supermarket distraction scam - which has been worked in the town - to highlight the crime to shoppers.

By **Chris Patching**
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Police are investigating a series of incidents where shoppers have been duped in shopping centre car parks by people asking for directions and showing a map.

The footage shows how the offender distracts the shopper to allow an accomplice to enter the victim's vehicle and steal from their handbags.

The stolen cards are then used to withdraw money or buy high value items, often before the victim has even realised their personal property has been taken.

Other similar techniques have been used to distract shoppers, including asking for directions, a need to go to hospital or asking if people have dropped money.

So, far police have received 55 reports of this type of crime from across the Northern Policing Area, which includes Basingstoke, Andover and Hart and Rushmoor.

Crime prevention advisor Graeme Barbour said: "People who have fallen victim to this type of crime have also reported seeing people behaving suspiciously in supermarkets. This could be where offenders are watching shoppers entering PIN codes when paying for their shopping.

"If you notice people acting suspiciously inside supermarkets or you are approached by someone in a car park, please report it to police as soon as possible.

"These people are knowingly preying on people's goodwill and helpful nature and are intentionally targeting lone shoppers at supermarkets, causing a distraction which allows another member of the group to commit the theft.

"If you are approached in this way, please act cautiously. Not everyone asking for directions is a criminal, and if you choose to help it is your decision to do so. However, if you do, before you help please ensure your vehicle is locked and all your valuables are on your person or locked in your vehicle out of sight."

The police have some tips to help you keep your belongings safe when you are shopping –

- Never leave your bag on the trolley unattended and always ensure your bag is zipped up
- When putting shopping away in the boot of your vehicle always ensure your handbag/wallet is with you
- If you are distracted for even a moment whilst putting shopping away - keep handbags with you or lock them in the vehicle before speaking to / helping anyone
- If asked for directions or to look at maps/items – ensure you lock personal items in the vehicle first
- Do not leave valuables on display in your vehicle
- When filling up with fuel, lock your vehicle when re-fuelling and when you go to pay
- If you are approached by anyone suspicious, report it to us as soon as possible.

Anyone with any information should contact the Northern Area crime desk on 101 or the Crimestoppers charity anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Fan Jacob meets star Ellie

A YOUNGSTER with the same condition as paralympic superstar Ellie Simmonds has met his idol.

Nine-year-old Jacob Deedman, who, like Ellie, suffers achondroplasia met his heroine at the British Gas SwimBritain event.

Jacob, a keen swimmer from Fleet, swam the final stretch of the team relay challenge alongside his dad as part of his family's team.

Charity Dreams & Wishes with event organisers British Gas arranged for Ellie to be on hand to meet her fan and present him with her medal afterwards.

- Ellie Simmonds and Team Ellie completed British Gas SwimBritain Coventry.

There's still time to get involved in one of the nine pool events taking place across the country, go to swimbritain.co.uk/signup to sign up for remaining events this September and find out which swim star will be coming to a pool near you.

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Residents set for clean-up crusade

BASINGSTOKE and Deane Borough Council is encouraging residents to take pride in their area and continue to get involved in the community clean-ups across the borough over the coming months.

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The third community clean, in a programme of six, will be taking place in South Ham from September 2 to 13 to tackle issues in response to the action plan created by South Ham Direct Community Planning Group along with any previously highlighted by the council's community services operations team.

Work during the clean-up, which will concentrate on the areas bordering St Peter's Road, Pinkerton Road and going from Russell Howard Park to Alliston Way covering the area by Burnaby Close, will include:

- a mechanical sweep of all roads along with pedestrian power brushes for less accessible areas.
- graffiti removal.
- clearing dog mess using an all-terrain vehicle.
- grass cutting.
- hedges and shrub bed maintenance.

In addition to support from the council's community services operations team, the waste and recycling team is also supporting the event by providing additional glass recycling boxes, recycling bags and more information on how to recycle to the community. The South Ham Community Planning group will also be displaying information on their action plan for the area at Westside Community Centre during the two weeks.

The council's Cabinet Member for the Environment and Climate Change, Robert Donnell, said: "Over the next year, alongside our normal grounds maintenance and cleansing operations, we are providing a programme of six community cleans at locations where enhanced tidy ups are most needed in the borough.

"By helping the community led clean ups we are able to really support the excellent work done by the community planning groups in the area and also encourage residents to take a real pride in where they live. We are committed to doing this with no council tax rise, showing our commitment to deliver more services to local people with less money.

For more information or to get involved, call the council's Community Development Officer Simon Christian on 01256 845292. For more general information on the further three clean ups planned contact the council on 01256 844844.

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Jamie's potato is top of heavyweight crop

SEVEN-YEAR-OLD Jamie Wilson was declared the winner of this year's Hook Allotment Association potato growing competition last weekend with his scale breaking 1.048 kilo of potatoes.

His sister Arianne Wilson (10) weighed in second with 902g followed by Dylan Bergh (8) with 282g and his older sister Lucy (9) with 226g.

"All the children who entered had great fun watching their potatoes and taking care of them. We were astonished at the difference in weights," said HAA judge Diana Whittaker. "Competitions like this are a great way to encourage children into gardening and it's great to see so many children helping their parents on the allotments."

The winners will receive special Spudulation Certificates and seeds to plant in their allotments next year.

The potatoes were given out at the Easter Bunny event and one potato was grown in each flower pot.

Pictured, left to right: Lucy Bergh (9), Dylan Bergh (8), Arianne Wilson (10) and winner Jamie Wilson (7).

Helping town's families lead healthy, happy lives

A PROGRAMME to help families lead healthy and happy lives is coming to Hampshire.

The MEND programme (Mind, Exercise, Nutrition... Do It!) provides families with fun, interactive group sessions that promote healthy lifestyles, and address issues arising from being overweight. It helps families to understand the complexities of things such as food labelling, different types of food, how much you need, and fun ways to be active as a family.

The programme, commissioned by Public Health at Hampshire County Council, and co-ordinated by Sport Hampshire & IOW, is free to join.

Children can enjoy active play sessions as well as learn with their family about healthy food choices. Parents will also be invited to discuss ways to help encourage behaviour change such as reducing the amount of time their children spend watching television, and positive goal setting and rewards.

Programmes are being run across the county for children above a healthy weight with the first programme in Basingstoke nearing completion. There are programmes across the county for five to seven-year-olds, and programmes for seven to 13-year-olds will also be held in Gosport, Havant, and Rushmoor.

Local data show that these four local areas have the highest number of children in Hampshire who are at an unhealthy weight.

Hampshire County Council Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing, Liz Fairhurst, said: "Being above a healthy weight during childhood can lead to serious problems later in life and increases the likelihood of developing conditions such as Type 2 diabetes and coronary heart disease."

- Basingstoke - Begins on September 24 at Basingstoke Sports Centre.

Store looks to garden academy

A SUPERSTORE is urging Basingstoke's next generation of gardeners to join its ground-breaking Garden Academy apprenticeship scheme.

The academy, for people aged 16 and above, is a pioneering scheme set up between Homebase and Adam Frost to help raise the profile of a career in gardening and inspire gardening talent of the future.

The scheme offers apprentices a broad experience of gardening and horticulture. Each month, time will be spent learning from Adam about garden planning and design; a key partner to develop detailed product knowledge covering planting and landscaping; and learning practical horticultural skills to earn a Royal Horticultural Society Level 1 Award.

At other times, apprentices will be working full-time at the Basingstoke Homebase store to gain experience of garden retailing, where they will learn detailed plant knowledge to help customers make the best choices for their garden.

Explaining the thinking behind the Garden Academy, Adam says: "I am increasingly worried that our next generation of young people are not connecting with what's outside their back door.

"This is not only a social issue, but increasingly a challenge for our industry as young people are not excited by careers in gardening."

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Exercise plan to help cut risk of OAP falls

A NEW exercise programme could help older people to reduce their risk of falling.

Postural stability classes are being introduced by Basingstoke Sports Trust – in partnership with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and Hampshire County Council – on the back of success in local borough hospitals.

The sessions have been designed by Hampshire County Council as part of their Steady and Strong initiative and are suitable for senior citizens who are unsteady on their feet. The classes are aimed at improving their balance, strength and mobility to help them carry out their normal daily routines.

By **Chris Patching**
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Cabinet Member for Partnerships, Cllr Cathy Osselton, said: "People can find it more difficult to get around comfortably as they get older, which is why these new classes are so important to the community. Falling over is especially dangerous for older people and can cause serious injuries, so anything that could help to reduce the risk of this happening is a real positive. I am pleased that we have been able to work with the Basingstoke Sports Trust and the county council to bring these successful classes into areas where residents need them the most."

Participants will also be given a free pair of slippers to further reduce their risk of falling, which will be fitted by a chiropodist.

The first 12 week programme will start on Friday 20 September at Newman Court, Brighton Hill. Each hour long session starts at 10.30am and costs £3.50. Participants can enjoy a two course lunch after each session, which must be booked in advance at a cost of £5.50 per person.

An additional three venues will host classes in 2014.

For more information about the exercise classes or to book a place please contact Emma Cameron on 01256 302249 or Kat Allison on 01256 302210.

Fire service looking for strike peace

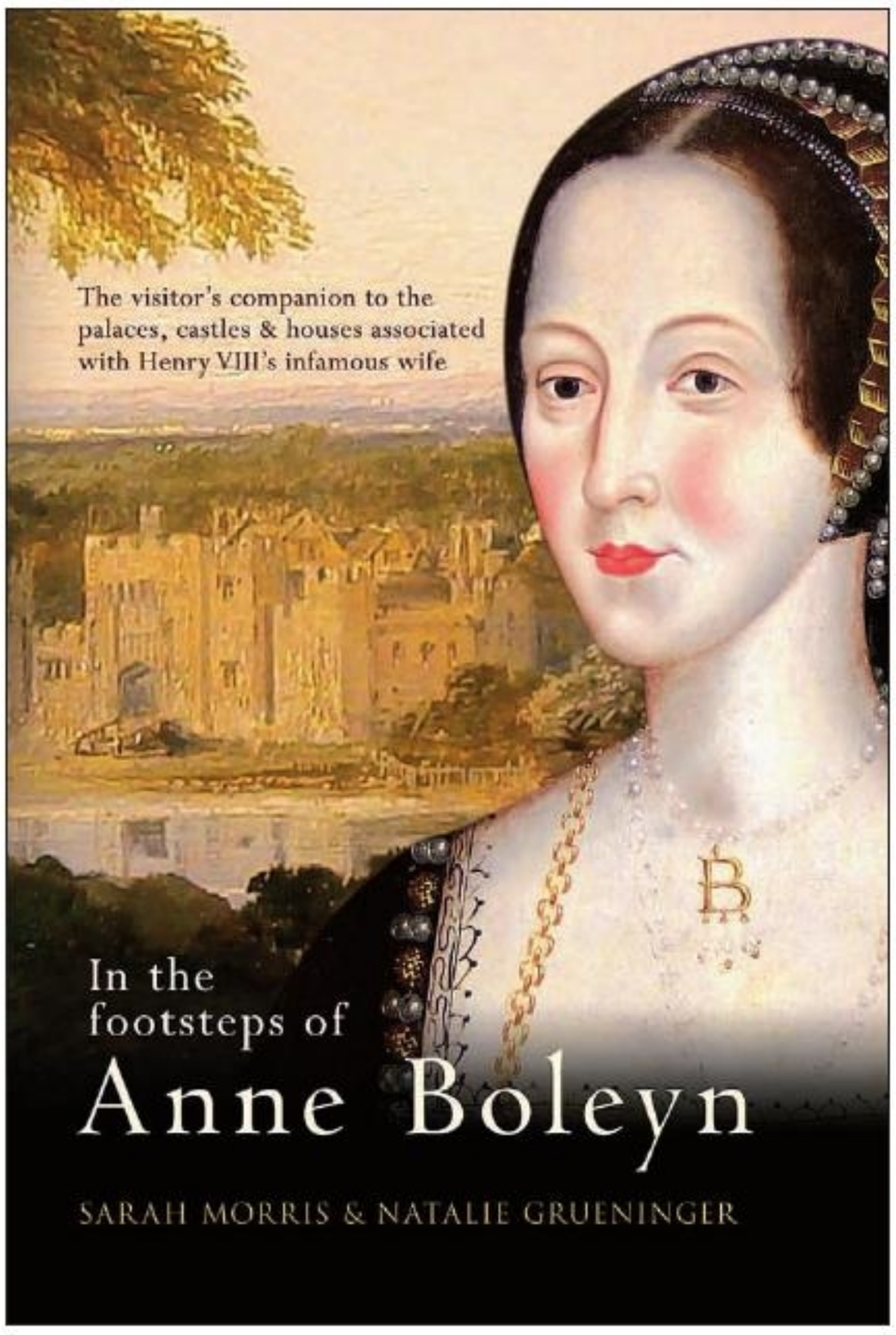
HAMPSHIRE Fire and Rescue Service is hopeful the Government and the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) can reach a workable solution to avoid industrial action over pension reforms.

The results of the FBU's ballot of members over strike action were announced last week, with 78 per cent voting in favour of action.

The details and dates of any strike action have yet to be confirmed by the FBU but the union now has 28 days to act on the ballot result.

Dave Curry, Deputy Chief Officer for Hampshire Fire and Rescue, said: "We are hopeful the Government and the FBU can resolve this national dispute and prevent any industrial action. While we acknowledge the results of the ballot and respect the rights of our firefighters to take lawful industrial action, we remain hopeful that negotiations will continue and this stage will not be reached. However, I would like to reassure the public we have robust business continuity plans in place to minimise the impact on the safety of our communities should strike action be announced."

Cllr Royston Smith, Chairman of the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority, said: "I recognise the result of the FBU's ballot of its members but hope that this situation can still be resolved through negotiation rather than industrial action."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Historic house set to host Tudor fun day for everyone

HISTORIC Basing House is hosting a Tudor fun day on September 14 when author Sarah Morris will be signing copies of her novel In the Footsteps of Anne Boleyn from 11am onwards.

In the Footsteps of Anne Boleyn is the ultimate visitor's companion to the palaces, castles & houses associated with Henry VIII's infamous wife.

Basing House also hosts Tudor music and dancing, falconry flight and commentary as well as archery lessons.

Entrance to the event is by ticket only: Adult £5.10, Concession £4.60, Child £4.10.

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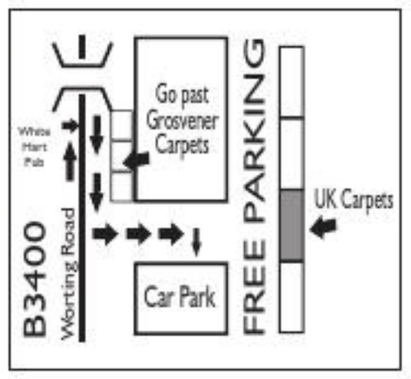

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Jewellery stolen

WERE you in the Homesteads Road area of Kempshott on August 23? Did you see anyone acting suspiciously?

Police are appealing for information after jewellery and watches were stolen during at burglary. It happened some time between 7.20am and 6.55pm.

A Range Rover was seen in the area and officers are keen to speak to the driver.

A 23-year-old man from Aldermaston has been arrested in connection with this burglary and released on bail until September 23, pending further enquiries.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact PC Dave Cook at Basingstoke Police Station on 101.

Witness appeal

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after two cars were broken into in Peggs Way and Downside Close in Basingstoke.

Between 3pm on August 19 and 10am on August 20, a Ford Focus parked in Downside Close and a BMW 3 series parked in Peggs Way were broken into. Wallets containing cash and sunglasses were taken from both cars.

A dark-coloured saloon car was seen in the area. Did you see anything suspicious?

PC Dave Cook said: "Always remember to secure your vehicle and do not leave anything of value inside. If you have to leave anything inside then make sure it is completely out of sight." Anyone with any information is adked to contact PC Cook at Basingstoke Police Station on 101.

Are you making the Change4Life Restart?

Police ask: Do you recognise this man?

DO you recognise this man?

Detectives in Basingstoke want to speak to him as he is suspected of being involved in an assault.

A 41-year-old woman has made an allegation of assault which happened in the Basingstoke area in the early hours of Sunday, August 11.

It is believed that this man had been to Wonderland on the evening of Saturday, August 10, into Sunday morning.

Detective Constable Sol Koranteng said: "If you know who this man is, please contact me as soon as possible.

"If you remember seeing him in the club or in Basingstoke town centre, I need to hear from you."

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Det Con Koranteng at Basingstoke Police Station on 101 or call the charity Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111 where information can be left anonymously.

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HAMPSHIRE'S leading health councillor, Liz Fairhurst, is urging families in Hampshire to make the most of the fresh start to the new school year by signing up to the Change4Life 'Smart Restart' when the kids go back to the classroom.

By **Chris Patching**
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Families are being encouraged to take on one change for the better, for six weeks - to help them lead healthier lifestyles.

"By the end of summer we can all tend to slack off a bit and it's easy to let good intentions slide," said Councillor Fairhurst, who is Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing at Hampshire County Council.

"But the new school year is the perfect time for a new beginning and for the whole family to get fit and healthy together.

"This is a great opportunity for families to sign up for their FREE Smart Restart campaign and pick one healthy change for them to adopt when they go back to school."

Keeping active and eating well are crucial for adults and children to maintain a healthy lifestyle, and are important in helping children's bodies and brains develop.

It will boost their concentration at school, helping them make this the best start to a new school year yet.

Change4Life has created five changes to be followed for six weeks, which encourage healthier eating and moving more such as making healthier lunches, swapping to healthier snacks and keeping a limit on screen time.

Families are encouraged to choose just one of these small changes when they return for the new school year.

The five Smart Restart changes families can choose from are:

- Stretch your legs – encouraging families to swap car or bus journeys for walking, scooting or cycling.
- 10-minute moves – incorporating fun ten minute activities into lives to help build to the goal of at least 60 active minutes a day.
- Screen-time switch – encouraging limiting screen time and swapping time in front of the TV, tablet or computer for something active.
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Lottery cash boost cheer

• Pictured with Maria are, James Starbuck, Chief Executive of the Basingstoke Sports Trust and Martyn Frost, Chair of the Trustees Board.

MARIA Miller, MP for Basingstoke and Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, has welcomed the news that Basingstoke and District Sports Trust has been awarded £50,000 from the Sport England Inspired Facilities programme.

This programme, which is part of the Government's Olympic and Paralympic legacy programme, focuses specifically on investment to improve local facilities. Every sports facility that receives funding will carry the London 2012 Inspire mark – celebrating the link to the Games.

The Sports Trust will be funding a further £50,000, and they plan to use the funds to refurbish changing facilities at the Sports Centre in Festival Place.

Maria said: "It is fantastic news that the Basingstoke and District Sports Trust will be part of the Olympic legacy with Sport England's Inspired Facilities programme. The new funding will enable the Sports Centre to further improve their facilities, and help them to attract more people in Basingstoke into taking up sports."

"An important part of the London 2012 legacy is to get more people involved in sport and this funding represents a great boost to our local facilities in Basingstoke. Coming a year on from hosting the London 2012 Games, it shows that up and down the country more and more people are benefiting from the Government's commitment to a long lasting sports legacy."

By **Chris Patching**
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Sports Trust secures £50k lottery boost

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Police probing graffiti attacks

POLICE in Hook are investigating a spate of offensive graffiti in the town.

Overnight on Saturday, August 24, graffiti, of a racist nature, was sprayed in various public locations around Station Road including at Tesco.

Officers have carried out high visibility patrols in the area to provide reassurance and deter further incidents.

PC Natalie Gardner from the Hook Safer Neighbourhoods team said: "This is an extremely rare occurrence but may have caused distress and upset to those who saw it.

"I would strongly appeal to anyone who may have information about this incident to contact police as this behaviour is unacceptable.

"Did you see anything suspicious in the area overnight on Saturday, August 24 such as suspicious people or cars, discarded spray cans or did you hear any noise or disturbance that may have been linked to the incident."

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact PC Gardner at Yateley police station by phoning 101. Mini-Com users can call the police on 18001 101. Information can be given anonymously by calling the Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555 111.

An 'Evening of Style' for fundraising

AN 'evening of style' is being promised at a big charity fundraiser.

Naomi House and Jacksplace hospices for children and young people, at Sutton Scotney, are inviting the general public to an exclusive evening of fashion and fundraising on Friday, October 11.

The evening, which will begin at at the Holiday Inn, Winchester, has been organised in association with L.K. Bennett, lingerie specialists Boudoir Blush, and award-winning hairdresser Guy Kremer.

All three organisations will be present at the event, giving ticket holders an exclusive look at their latest trends, autumn lines and hair displays.

Tickets for the evening cost £25 and include a welcome drink, a two-course meal, music by KORU, and the opportunity to peruse the stalls and exhibitions for some early Christmas shopping.

All proceeds from the event will go to Naomi House and Jacksplace: the two hospices provide care and support for children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions in central southern England.

As the hospices rely on the generosity of their supporters to raise over 80 per cent of their annual funding, events such as these are vital in helping the charity to continually provide their life-changing services.

To book tickets for this exciting and glamorous event please email Tina Starbuck at tina.starbuck@naomihouse.org.uk.

Youth Parliament's Zoni meets MP Maria Miller

BASINGSTOKE MP Maria Miller met up recently with Zoni Asaf, the Member of the UK Youth Parliament for Basingstoke, Winchester and Eastleigh.

By **Chris Patching**
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Zoni, formerly a student at Aldworth Science College, was elected to the Youth Parliament in May 2013 for a two year term.

Zoni outlined to Maria the areas she will be focussing on, including ensuring that young people's views are taken fully into account on matters that affect them, challenging the negative stereotyping of young people, and issues relating to access to transport, and concerns about drugs and alcohol.

Maria said: "I was delighted to meet Zoni and talk about a number of issues that are important to young people in Basingstoke. I will look forward to hearing how her campaigns progress during her time in office."

Maria added: "We agreed on the importance of getting more young people and especially women involved in politics, at both the local and national levels.

"We also discussed some current issues of national and international concern, including the abhorrent use of chemical weapons in Syria."

The UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) allows young people aged 11 to 18 to have a say on national issues that affect them. It is made up of about 400 Members of the Youth Parliament (MYPs), each representing around 10,000 young people from their local area.

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You've gotta be in it to win it

St Michael's Hospice in Basingstoke has announced the results of lottery draw 279 held on September 6.
First prize of £1,000 to 68233 of Chineham, second prize of £100 to 05606 of Basingstoke, third prize of £50 to 12197 of Cliddesden, fourth prize of £20 to 14213 of Tadley.
Sixteen prizes of £20 go to 09260, 24939, 25762, 29723, 31961, 33068, 34466, 34892, 37606, 52412, 53788, 59786, 72832, 80998, 87288, 88554.

· Zoni Asaf and MP Maria Miller

Council Leader's Column

Cllr Clive Sanders
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

Jobs advice not to be missed

IF you were in the Malls recently you will have seen the proposals for the new Waitrose and John Lewis At home store coming to Basingstoke. Bringing new businesses to the borough is a key part of creating new job opportunities for residents.

With this in mind, or if you are already looking for work, facing redundancy or considering a career change but not sure if you have the right skills to get into work or make the next step in your career path there is the opportunity to get free help and advice at The Basingstoke Jobs and Careers Fair taking place from 11am until 6pm at the Basingstoke Discovery Centre on Monday, September 30.

The event is organised in partnership by the borough council, Basingstoke Discovery Centre, the Basingstoke Consortium, Job Centre Plus, Queen Mary's College and Basingstoke College of Technology. A variety of employers will be on hand to talk about their current vacancies, what they look for in applicants, what training or experience they may need and how to apply.

Representatives from colleges, universities and training providers will explain how to get the training needed and one-to-one advice and guidance on careers, interviews, CVs, job searching and volunteering will also be available.

The last time we organised a similar event in February, almost 1,000 people came along to get help and advice to get up that career ladder. It is an opportunity not to be missed.

For more information and a timetable of the workshops see www.basingstoke.gov.uk/go/careersfair.

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Business speakers head for Basingstoke

By **Chris Patching**
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A EUROPEAN aviation expert, the national policy director for Britain's leading business network, and a top internet services boss - Hampshire Chamber of Commerce has confirmed a trio of prestigious speakers for its annual Talking Business conference to be held in Basingstoke.

The November event will feature insight and analysis of the economy from Dr Adam Marshall, Director of Policy and External Affairs at the British Chambers of Commerce.

He represents the interests of more than 100,000 member businesses in his dealings with Whitehall, Westminster and the media.

Also speaking is Carl Churchill, Managing Director of NetPay Group, the online payment service provider.

Renowned as an innovator in internet services, Mr Churchill has been projected by the Sunday Times Rich List to generate a net worth of £100million by 2020.

Joining them is Judith Moreton, an award-winning advisor on the international aviation business following a 20-year career in aircraft operations and management.

She holds the European Business Aviation Award for her outstanding contribution to the sector and is the founder of Little Blue Private Jets, a consultancy providing aircraft purchase and charter services.

· Judith Moreton

· Dr Adam Marshall

· Carl Churchill

· Geoff French

As well as the presentations, Talking Business includes an exhibition, networking opportunities and an expert panel who will debate topical issues such as the latest thinking on business practices and government initiatives to drive growth.

The compere for the day is Geoff French, Chairman of the Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership.

A civil engineer, Mr French is President of the International Federation of Consulting Engineers and Senior Vice President of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

For the third year running, the conference has been sponsored by law firm Clarke Willmott.

Maureen Frost, Deputy Chief Executive of Hampshire Chamber, said: "We have three highly acclaimed speakers to inspire and motivate the conference.

"Our panel of industry experts will then help our audience explore even more business matters and gain professional advice.

"Alongside, there is a fantastic opportunity to network and forge new business contacts while visiting our exhibition.

"It promises to be a fascinating day and we are delighted that Clarke Willmott have confirmed their support as headline sponsors once again."

The conference takes place at Basingstoke Country Hotel on Monday 11 November from 8.30 am to 2.30pm.

For more information, including exhibition opportunities, contact Katie Crow on 01256 338374.

Alternatively, email events.north@hampshirechamber.co.uk.

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Fixed penalty notices are welcomed

POLICE in Hampshire have welcomed changes in the fixed penalty notice system for careless driving offences.

Those now caught committing careless driving offences, such as driving inappropriately in the middle lane of a motorway, or driving aggressively such as tailgating, face an increased £100 fine and will receive three points on their licence. Similar punishments will faced by drivers who perform stunts like handbrake turns, as part of a move to tackle anti-social behaviour on the roads.

Acting Chief Inspector Richard Parsons, from the force's Roads Policing Unit, said:

"Hampshire Constabulary is committed to ensuring the safety of our road users and reducing road casualties across the two counties. We continually work to cut casualties and welcome any changes that will help us do that.

"We apply this law through a mixture of enforcement and education, and we'd rather prevent it from happening in the first place through raising public awareness.

"Careless driving is not a new law, but this change in the fixed penalty notice system is another step towards a less bureaucratic way of dealing with motoring offences and avoiding lengthy court processes, enabling us to make more effective use of our resources."

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CarFest crowd loves Jody's six appeal

MOTOR sport history was recreated at CarFest South, staged at Laverstoke Park Farm, when Jody Scheckter climbed back into the revolutionary six-wheeled Tyrrell P34 for the first time in nearly 40 years.

It was back in 1976 that the Tyrrell team introduced one the most radical cars ever seen in Formula One racing.

The ground-breaking P34 was conceived by the team's ingenious chief designer Derek Gardner and featured not two conventional, but rather four much smaller front wheels designed to give additional grip and downforce – a concept since outlawed by the F1 rule makers.

In recent years Scheckter has built up a fine collection of his former racing cars and earlier this year acquired the extraordinary Tyrrell P34. With CarFest South taking place quite literally in his own back yard – Laverstoke Park is the organic/biodynamic farm he now owns – it was the perfect occasion for Scheckter to reunite himself with the unique Grand Prix winning machine. The reunion on the fund-raising event's spectacular hillclimb course was one of the weekend's major highlights.

"In those days there was a lot more freedom in the design of Formula One cars," recalled Scheckter who openly admits the inventive concept came as something of a shock even to him.

"I think everyone was surprised by the design – it was kept very secret, even to us as drivers," he recalled.

The three-day event was hosted by BBC Radio 2 DJ Chris Evans and helped to raise more than £1m for BBC Children in Need.

As well as featuring an amazing line-up of the world's finest road and racing cars, CarFest South also offered a feast of fabulous festival food, great family entertainment for all ages plus live music from top bands including Texas, Keane, Ocean Colour Scene, Jools Holland, Seasick Steve and Amy Macdonald.

By **Chris Patching**
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CarFest? Let's do it all again - Evans

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· Jody Scheckter is reunited with the history-making six-wheeled Tyrrell P34 at CarFest South. He is also pictured here with three-time F1 World Champion Sir Jackie Stewart who joined Jody Scheckter at Laverstoke Park Farm.

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Create your own agenda!

THE Proteus Creation Space is hosting the Devoted and Disgruntled Roadshow tomorrow, enabling visitors to get more involved with theatre.

By **Adam Flinn**
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It uses the open space to give anyone the chance to propose a starting point for discussion, and then take part in one of the subsequent conversations.

Visitors are encouraged to create the agenda for the roadshow, which last year travelled to 28 venues across the country.

Mary Swan, artistic director at Proteus, said: "If you love theatre and the performing arts, whether you are an artist, writer, audience member, teacher, producer, administrator or just an interested person, then come along.

"Devoted and Disgruntled uses open space technology. This involves individuals calling a session, to which anyone can attend, to talk about an issue, project or idea.

"You can stay all the way through a session, or leave when you feel you have no more to contribute. No-one will be offended, that's the way it works."

The roadshows are run by the Improbable Theatre Company, and have been going since 2005.

Phelim McDermott, artistic director at Improbable, said: "Devoted and Disgruntled was born out of frustration. I was frustrated both with theatre and with myself.

"I knew things could be better in theatre and I also knew the way I responded to that situation could be more creative. I wanted to stop moaning and actually do something about it.

"The Devoted and Disgruntled events and the community that has developed around them involve people taking responsibility for making better theatre and making theatre better.

"The events are liberating because they create an environment of possibility - a place where we are confronted with the realisation that things will only change if we decide to make them.

"Often this situation can leave us feeling that we have to do everything on our own. However, Devoted and Disgruntled offers immediate access to the people who might support and help us do it."

Tickets for the roadshow cost £5, and runs from 10am to 6pm. To book, go to www.proteustheatre.com or call 01256 321621.

· Groups in discussion at a previous Devoted and Disgruntled roadshow event

Illusionist show

INTERNATIONAL illusionist Michael Otton is coming to The Haymarket on Saturday, with a magic show which has stunned audiences across the world.

Audience members are encouraged to participate in the show, from large-scale visual illusions to mind reading and psychic predictions, as well as witnessing escapology and comedy.

Tickets cost £12.50 for a 7.30pm start. For more information, go to www.anvilarts.org.uk or call 01256 844244.

Beer festival

SILCHESTER'S third beer festival takes place from 4pm on Saturday afternoon in the village hall, with a wide selection of beers and ciders on offer for visitors to sample.

All drinks have been sourced from various local breweries, and features many old favourites as well as a mix of new beers. Tickets can be bought via email from simon@brewin.org.uk, or by calling 01189 700995.

Tudor day for family fun

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Car rally gets into gear

THE National Historic Vehicle Society's Vintage and Classic Vehicle Rally takes place this weekend, as the annual show makes its return to Basingstoke.

By **Adam Flinn and James Booker**
news@taylornewspapers.co.uk

Numerous classic cars, motorcycles, buses, tractors, steam and stationary engines will be on show, as well as children's attractions and refreshments throughout the two days.

Stan Tarrant, one of the rally's organisers, said: "This year we've got a couple of things that we haven't had previously. One thing that's new is that people will be cutting a couple of cars up, and visitors can go along and see how the real guys do it.

"We never actually know what's going to turn up. We have a regular database of people who come every year, but we are never actually sure what's going to arrive.

"It was a bit of an accident how it began really. It started with a get-together of enthusiasts, and then the public started poking their noses through the gate, so we just let them get on with it!

"We don't look to make huge amounts of money out of the show, it's mostly just a getting together of different people."

The society was originally formed in 1985 under the name of The General Railway and Transport Museum Society, becoming a registered charity the following year.

It was set up with the aim of providing Basingstoke and the South of England with a general transport museum, although the project had to be cancelled in 1991.

The current name of the National Historic Vehicle Society was adopted in 1997, and the group have built up a collection of vehicles, some of which will be on display this weekend.

It will be held on Farleigh Road in Basingstoke from 10am to 5pm on both days, with tickets costing £3.50 available on the day.

For more information about the rally and the society, visit their website: www.nhvs.org.uk.

• Classic cars are set to be displayed at this weekend's Vintage and Classic Vehicle Rally

Life Right night

THE Life Right Foundation's variety night, featured in last week's Observer, was printed with incorrect date and venue information.

It is actually taking place on October 18 at the Beechdown Club on Winchester Road, from 7pm to midnight.

We apologise for any confusion. For more information about the variety night, go to www.theliferightfoundation.org or call 01256 465089.

Cash tribute trio

CASHABILITY, the UK's leading Johnny Cash influenced trio, are performing their mix of country and rockabilly at St Andrew's Methodist Church on Western Way on Sunday.

The gig has been arranged to raise money for the church and the work it does in the area, with refreshments also available. Entry costs £5.

Stars are in town

THE Stars Are In Town at The Haymarket on Wednesday, with a selection of music and dancing from former Britain's got Talent acts. Dancing duo Signature, street dancers Fat-BoyZ Dance, and Joseph Hall feature in the line-up for the show. Tickets cost £19.

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21 September 7.30pm
The Haymarket
KATHRYN WILLIAMS
Singer/songwriter Kathryn Williams appears at The Haymarket on Saturday 21 September at 7.30pm. Kathryn's artful compositions and sweet sound have got the critics falling over each other to heap praise on her. She produces music that possesses great depth, addressing both the everyday and abstract. Tickets for Kathryn Williams are priced £16. Over 65s, under 16s and fulltime students pay £14. (Booking fee applies.) For more information or for tickets, call the Anvil Arts box office on 01256 844244. Or use the Anvil Arts website www.anvilarts.org.uk.

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Closing date: Thursday, Sept 19

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Away from the racing there are plenty of activities to keep youngsters active – and adults and kids amazed – with Sunday's schedule crammed full of the kind of attractions guaranteed to make it a day to remember for a long time to come. They've got the Red Bull Matadors flying in for a display of incredible aerial acrobatics while, slightly closer to earth, the amazing Freestyle Motocross riders will be flipping and whipping their 100kg machines as they jump from ramp to ramp. There will also be a series of demos from 12-time World Motorcycle Trials Champion Dougie Lampkin and the Zero Gravity MTB Trials display squad.

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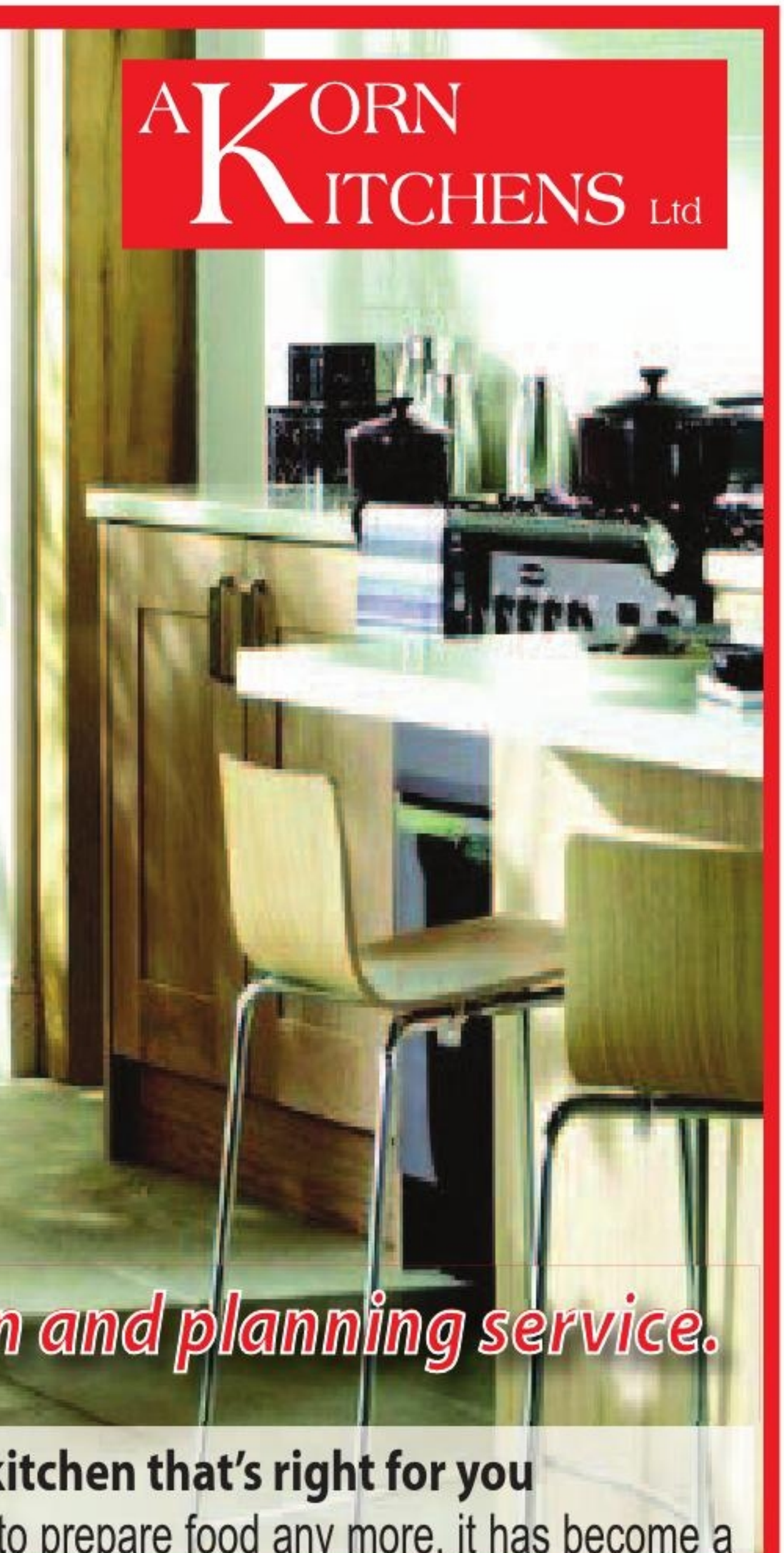

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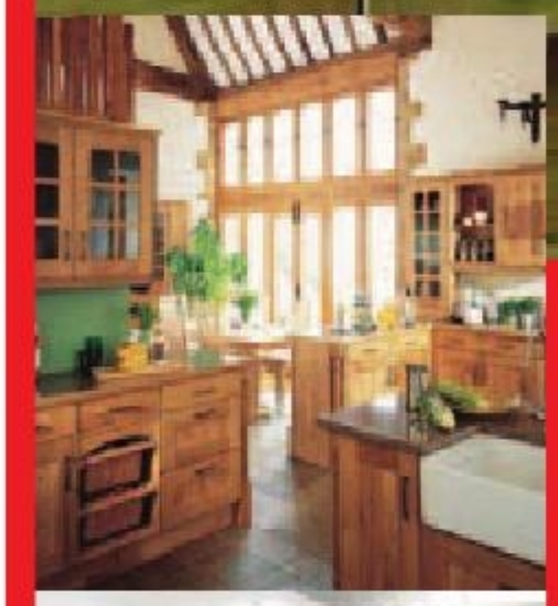

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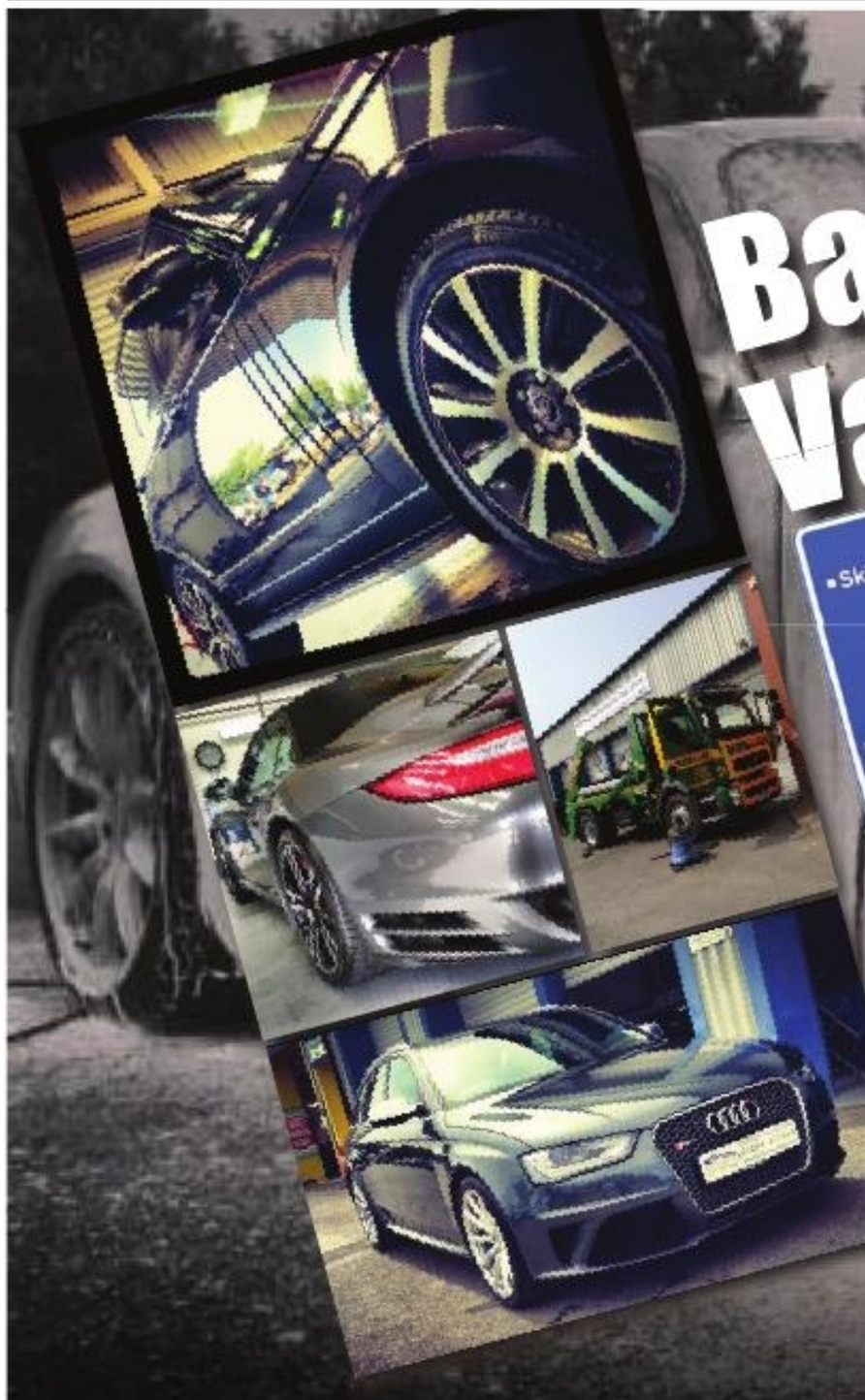

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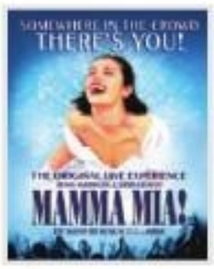

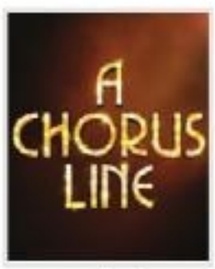

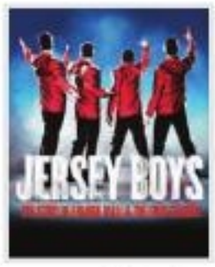

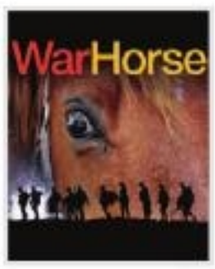

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'Sleek' Mazda stands out

REVIEW: MAZDA6 2.0

By **Philip Shoulder**

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NEW high tech Mazda blends efficiency, style and dynamics.

This third-generation Mazda6 is the second new Mazda model to utilise the Japanese firm's ultra efficient and weight-saving SKYACTIV Manufacturing process, with sharply styled 'KODO Soul of Motion' design language.

At a time when most rivals come in hatchback guise, Mazda's new large saloon stands out with its sleek and dramatically styled body. The purposeful looks feature high-waisted flanks, flared wheel-arches and a sweeping Coupé style roofline.

The new SKYACTIV engine line-up comprises two petrol engines and two diesels, mated with six-speed automatic or manual transmissions. Together with SKYACTIV powertrains, the SKYACTIV-Chassis and SKYACTIV-Body contribute to making an efficient, lightweight, yet safe design – Euro NCAP having recently awarded the Mazda6 a five star safety rating.

Tested here is the 165 PS 2.0 petrol, which returns a claimed combined 47.9 mpg and emits 135g/km of CO_2.

Power delivery is linear and smooth and while lacking the gut-punch shove of the diesels, it actually manages to be the more engaging powertrain. When cruising the engine is refined, but when worked harder a more sporting, vocal and engaging character emerges. The combination of well-weighted, accurate steering and capable chassis combine to make the Mazda6 an enjoyably involving drive. Admittedly the ride is on the firm side in Sport guise, not helped by the large 19 inch wheels, although SE and SE-L trim cars get smaller wheels and a smoother, more pliant balance.

Inside the cabin you're treated to an aesthetically pleasing and premium feeling interior, which makes use of black glossy finishes and soft touch plastics. The switchgear and instrumentation is clear and well laid out on the sculpted dash and this top spec SportNav model gets luxurious light stone rouged leather trim incorporating red stitching.

Verdict: This latest incarnation of the Mazda6 is a stylish well made Ford Mondeo alternative. On the road it feels much smaller and more nimble than its size would suggest: a credit to its honed driving dynamics. It also boasts class-leading fuel economy, low running costs and clever active safety systems – with good residuals to boot - making it a worthy rival to key European contenders in the large family car class.

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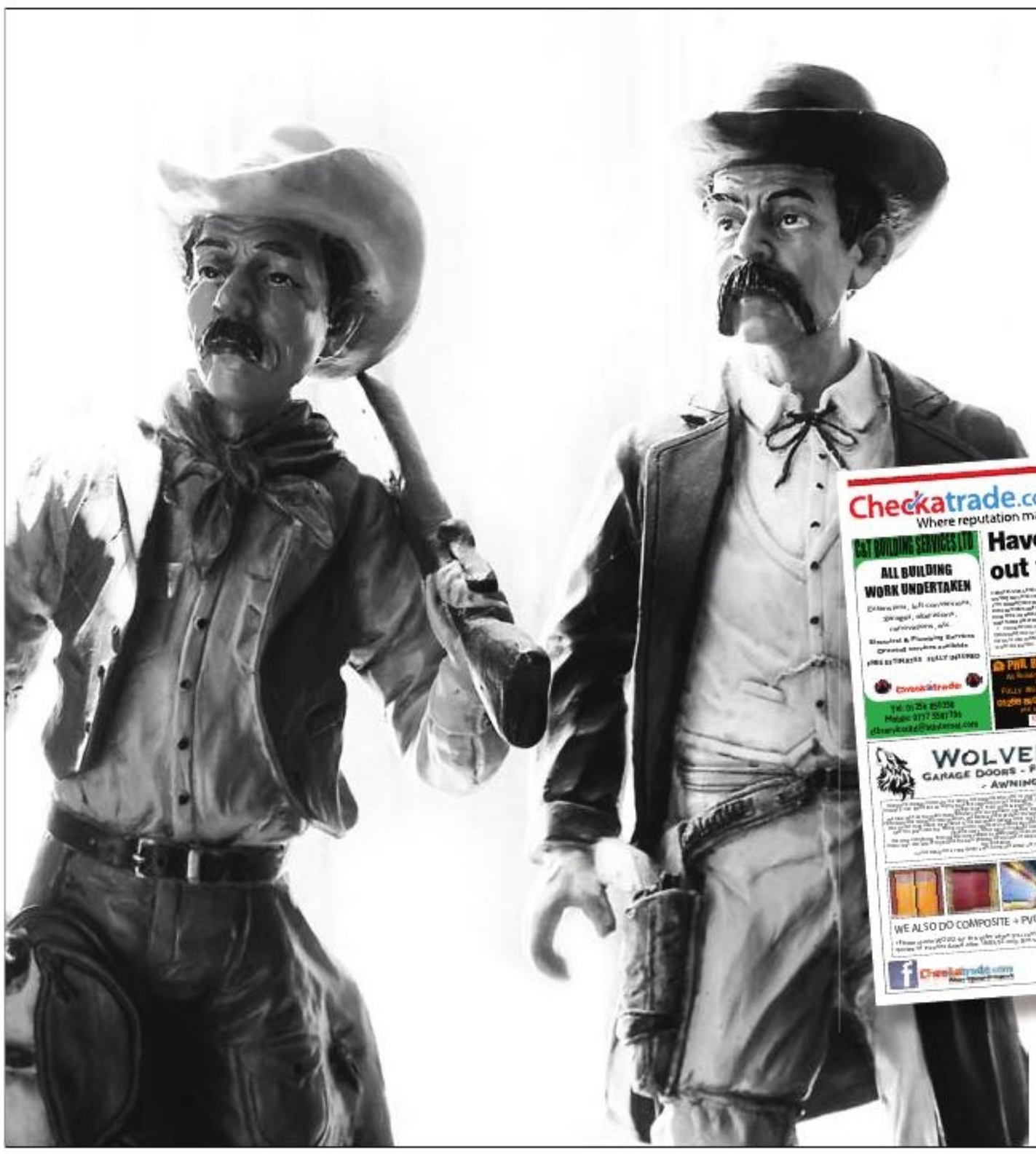

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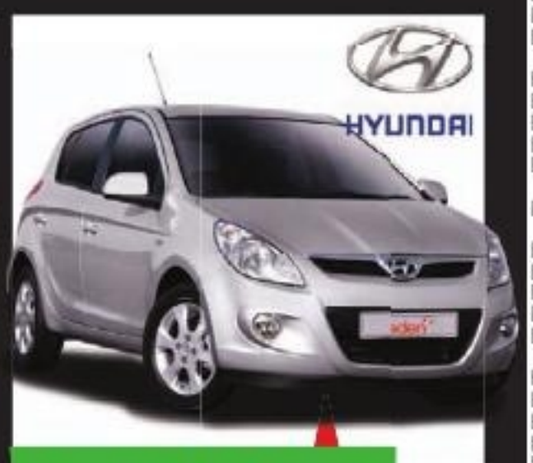

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Bison share spoils with Flames after double-header

BASINGSTOKE Bison were evenly matched with Guildford Flames this weekend, as both won one pre-season match apiece after going toe-to-toe in two pre-season clashes on Saturday and Sunday.

Bison were the victors on home ice on Saturday night with a 2-1 win against the reigning English Premier Ice Hockey League champions, with goals from Joe Greener and new signing Miroslav Vantroba.

They had been a goal down at the second break, but coach Doug Sheppard set up both goals to enable the Herd to get off to a winning start.

But the score was reversed the following night as the Flames took the 2-1 victory this time, with Andrew Melachrino scoring Bison's solitary goal in the first period.

All the goals came at the start of the match, with Bison netminder Dean Skinns resisting Guildford's attempts from then on.

Basingstoke begin their league and cup campaign on Saturday when they host the Swindon Wildcats, with former Bison netminder Stevie Lyle returning for the first time with his new team.

They then host Bracknell Bees the following Saturday, followed by a trip to Telford Tigers on September 22.

Croker not worried despite an opening day to forget

JAMES Croker said his side's crushing defeat at East Grinstead was "a bad day at the office".

By **James Booker**
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Basingstoke opened their National League London campaign in spectacular fashion, for all the wrong reasons, as they slumped to a 73-5 defeat against last year's London One South champions.

However, Croker believes the result is not a sign of a long season ahead for the Down Grange side.

"It was a bad day at the office," he said. "Grinstead have also recruited heavily, and we have men down at the moment.

"We're not ones to give excuses, but nine of our play-off winning team at the end of last season [against Eton Manor] haven't been available for the game."

Andy Hore was the only player to cross for Basingstoke, while Grinstead ran in 10 tries at the other end.

"We made silly mistakes early on, and capitulated for 20 minutes after that, we went down to 14 men at one point and had two injuries to our backs," added Croker.

"In the second half we got some things right and got our try – overall it was frustrating, but certainly not a sign of things to come."

Croker also said that his team will regroup and try and rise to the task of playing at a higher level this time around, starting with their first home game of the season on Saturday against Dorking.

"It just start of the season frustrations - we've got a strong squad, and we're confident of certainly getting some short term fixes to the problems," he said.

"Everyone involved was obviously gutted – but the answer is to regroup, concentrate on areas that didn't go particularly well, and focus on the areas that did, try and make it better and take it from there.

"It's just a different challenge, but one that we're looking forward to.

"It's exciting times at the club, preparations haven't exactly gone against us, but we need to approach each fixture with the desire and the belief that we can come away with a good performance."

Ryan Davies and Ash Paterson are expected to return to the squad, while the club are still waiting to hear on the result of Matt Guilfoyle's injury.

• Nick Foster (pictured) and Rob Collard are hoping for good form at Rockingham on Sunday (Picture courtesy of btcc.net)

Foster and Collard look to kick-on after Knockhill showing

ROB Collard and Nick Foster will hope to capitalise on their improving car and form, as the eighth round of the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) is held at Rockingham on Sunday.

Collard is currently 14th in the standings after his best weekend of the season so far at Knockhill last month, where he finished sixth, fourth and third in the three races at the Scottish circuit.

He has enjoyed previous success at Rockingham, with a best result of second coming in race two in 2010, as well as a third-place finish in 2011.

Team-mate Foster is one place further back in 15th, following his best result of eighth at Knockhill.

Two fifth-place results in 2011 have been Foster's best at the Northamptonshire track, which was first used on the BTCC calendar in 2003, before becoming a regular feature from 2007.

Both will be hoping for a strong weekend to improve their championship positions, and break into the top 10 of the standings.

The three races at Rockingham start at 11.30am, 2pm and 4.50pm on Sunday.

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Sport Bites

Hartley win again

HARTLEY Wintney got off to a winning start in the FA Vase first qualifying round, with a 4-1 away win against Flackwell Heath.

It follows on from their successful start to the Combined Counties League season, which has seen Wintney lose only once in their opening six fixtures.

They next play on Saturday for their first qualifying round match for the FA Cup at home to Camberley Town, after beating Badshot Lea in the preliminary fixture on August 30.

Joy for Calleva

TADLEY Calleva continued their solid start to the season, as they won 3-1 away to East Cowes Victoria on Saturday.

It means that Calleva are now fifth in the Sydenhams Wessex League First Division with seven points, following two wins, a draw and a loss in their opening four games.

They will next play United Services Portsmouth at home on Saturday in the league, before travelling to Sholing on Tuesday in the second round of the Wessex League Cup.

Cup success

WHITCHURCH produced a dominant display against Hythe and Dibden on Tuesday night, as they won 4-0 away from home in the first round of the Hampshire Senior Cup.

The result made up for Saturday's disappointment in the FA Vase, when Whitchurch were knocked out of the competition following a 2-0 defeat away to Hallen.

They resume their league campaign on Saturday at Bemerton Heath Harlequins.

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THEY GOT 11 MEN BEHIND THE BALL

Defensive Whitehawk frustrate boss, but says Town were not at the races

JASON Bristow feels his side "shot themselves in the foot" after they were beaten 1-0 at newly-promoted Whitehawk on Saturday.

By **James Booker**

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Sam El-Abd's glancing header mid-way through the first half proved to be the difference as the Dragons slipped to their second consecutive away defeat.

The Dragons were far from outplayed, but were not at their best, and were left frustrated by the defensive-minded tactics of their hosts.

"I think we weren't at the level we know we can be at," said Bristow. "And we shot ourselves in the foot after conceding a poor goal.

"Whitehawk just sat back, got 11 men behind the ball and just spoiled the game really, but credit to them in some way because that was their gameplan and they stuck to it.

"We didn't really do enough to create enough chances to win the game.

"To be fair to them – they've only won one game before Saturday, they were desperate for the points.

"And when they got the goal, they got the lift, and they were determined to hold onto it.

"It was disappointing and frustrating, but we've created enough chances this season for us to know that it was just one of those days."

Basingstoke, who have slipped to fourth in the Skrill South, have the perfect chance to bounce back when they host Ebbsfleet at the Camrose.

Bristow's men have a 100 per cent winning record at home so far this season, and the Dragons' boss is keen to keep that run going.

"Everyone wants to make their home pitch a hard place to come for teams – we've got a couple of tough games coming up.

"We've won three out of three at home and it's important we carry on that run, and get back to winning ways."

He added how he wanted his team to take the game by the scruff of the neck and stamp their authority from the off.

"It's also important that we put on a show, and play the football the way we want to play it.

"And if we dictate the game rather than being dictated to, so we can get that first goal it should help us on the way to doing that."

Midfielder Neil Barrett is a doubt for Saturday's clash, after missing the game at Whitehawk with a thigh problem.

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· Shaun McAuley in action against Whitehawk (Picture by Les Chase)

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